

TABLE 44. Median basic annual salary for doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans in the United States, by field of study, type of postgraduation plans, and sex: 2009  
(Dollars)

Field of study	Type of postgraduation plans			
	Employment		Postdoctoral study	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
All fields	75,000	65,000	37,500	37,500
Science and engineering	75,000	65,000	37,500	37,500
Life sciences	65,000	65,000	37,500	37,500
Agricultural sciences	65,000	65,000	37,500	37,500
Biological sciences	65,000	55,000	37,500	37,500
Health sciences	75,000	70,000	37,500	45,000
Physical sciences	85,000	75,000	45,000	45,000
Chemistry	75,000	65,000	37,500	37,500
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	75,000	55,000	45,000	45,000
Mathematics and computer sciences	85,000	75,000	55,000	45,000
Physics and astronomy	85,000	55,000	45,000	45,000
Social sciences and psychology	65,000	55,000	37,500	37,500
Economics	95,000	75,000	55,000	55,000
Psychology	65,000	55,000	37,500	37,500
Social sciences <sup>a</sup>	55,000	55,000	45,000	45,000
Engineering	85,000	85,000	45,000	37,500
Non-science and engineering	65,000	55,000	45,000	45,000
Education	75,000	65,000	55,000	45,000
Humanities	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Business management/administration	105,000	105,000	D	D
Other non-S&E fields <sup>b</sup>	55,000	55,000	45,000	45,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

<sup>a</sup> Excludes economics.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes business management/administration.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/NEH/USDA/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates.